WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, June 27. It is possible, and many shrewd and mpartial observers consider it probable, that neither Harrison and Reid nor develand and Stevenson will receive the otes of a majority of the Electoral College be elected next November, owing to be opposition of the silver men and people's Party combined in the West and South. Should such be the case here would be no election by the Elecoral College, and the duty of electing a resident would devolve upon the House Representatives, while the Senate would have to elect the Vice-President, oth bodies voting by States instead of the usual way.

At first glance one is apt to say Well, that would give us Cleveland for resident and Reid for Vice-President." But would it? A great deal of atten tion is being given to this question by able onstitutional lawyers, and the abler the man is, the more he hesitates to express decided opinion about it. The generally accepted idea has, of course, been that the Senators and Representatives of each of the political parties would be in honor bound to vote for the man nominated by the party to which they belong for the office to be filled. But that has been considerably shaken by a statement to the effect that there would not exist a single good reason why any senator or Representative should feel inder the slightest obligation to vote or the man who fails to receive an lection before the people, and that each Senator and Representative would astitutionally free to vote for any one he pleased, without regard to the names upon the national tickets of the several political parties. Should this view of the matter be

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generally accepted, Mr. Cleveland would never be the choice of the House should that body have to elect the next President. There are several reasons why, but one is sufficient to explain why. Notwithstanding the several seeming defeats which free coinage has received in the House during this session, a majority of that body is strongly in favor f the free coinage of silver, and would so vote if the question came to a vote devoid of side issues; and no one knows this any better than the members who so skilfully managed the business as to get the bill permanently side tracked before it ever came to a direct vote. Having these views, it would be expecting much to expect these men to vote for Mr. Cleveland, whose opposition to free coinage exceeds that of Mr. Harrison, when they would have a chance o name a President friendly to free coinage, unless compelled by honor to

Six months ago it hardly seemed ossible that the Republican and Democratic leaders could be as deeply interested as they are at this time in the outcome of the People's Party Convention which is to be held at Omaha on July 4. The reason, however, is obvious. The nominations of Harrison and Cleveland by their respective parties have made it certain to the leaders that the votes of a large-how large no one can say at this time element in both parties will go to the People's Party if strong candi dates are nominated and even a fairly good platform adopted by the Omaha Convention. Pressure is being brought to bear upon Judge Graham by the Republican leaders to prevent his allowing he use of his name as a candidate before the People's Party Convention. His candidacy would draw very largely from the working men in the Republican

Congressional matters are pretty near-at a standstill, as far as outside apearances go, and there is little work eing done by the committees, although here is much yet to be done before the rigular appropriation bills are disposed or if the House can get a quorum bre this week, as its leaders expect, an atempt will be made to rush the appepriation bills, all of which ought to

available on July 1. It is now said that President Harrison is decided that the successor to Mr. Baine will be appointed only to serve of the remainder of this administration. leving him free if he be so disposed to take up an entirely new cabinet should behe re-elected.

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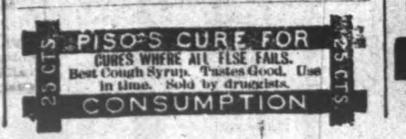
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